

SPECIAL WARFARE BOAT OPERATOR SB Rating- SWCC

NAVY

The Naval Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewman (SWCC) program evolved from the PT boats Sailors of WWII and the “Brown Water Navy” of Viet Nam. They are specially trained to conduct and support Special Operations missions in a maritime environment and work primarily with Naval Special Warfare Sea, Air, and Land Teams (SEAL).

Qualifying for SWCC (SB Rating) in Delayed Entry Program is preferred and accounts for the majority of SWCC applicants in the training pipeline. Candidates may also volunteer for SWCC during basic training at Recruit Training Center (RTC), or at any time during their enlistment prior to their 31st birthday. NSW/NSO “Dive” Motivators, at RTC, give presentations on the Navy’s NSW/NSO programs, conduct the physical training screening tests, and assist interested Recruits with their applications at RTC.

A more stringent physical examination and medical screening is conducted at RTC. Recruit’s entrance medical examinations will be reviewed and further physical screening tests will be given at RTC and at the Naval Special Warfare Center (SWCC School).

SWCC training is physically and mentally demanding. SWCCs receive extra pay for special duty assignment. Some SWCCs are selected for parachute training in both Static Line and Military Free Fall.

SWCC Challenge information is available In COMNAVCRUITCOMINST 1130.8G VOL 1 CHAPTER 4 SECTION 4.

Becoming a SWCC

Men interested in becoming a SWCC Operator can enlist under a Special Warfare Boat Operator (SB) contract. For more information visit www.seal.navy.mil

What They Do

- Collect information about enemy military installations and shipping traffic in coastal or riverine areas.
- Insert/extract SEALs and other Special Operations personnel from a variety of NSW Boats.
- Operate independently in small units to accomplish operational tasks.

Career Path After Recruit Training

Enlistees are taught the fundamentals of Special Warfare Combatant-Craft operation through formal Navy schooling and on the job training. SWCC candidates attend three phases of training at Coronado, Ca.

School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewman (SWCC) Indoctrination	Coronado, Ca.	2 weeks	Physical and psychological preparation for Basic SWCC Training (BCT)	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
Basic Crewmember Training (BCT)	Coronado, Ca.	5 weeks	Train, develops and assesses physical conditioning, water competency, basic seamanship, boat handling, teamwork and metal tenacity	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
Crewman Qualification Training (CQT)	Coronado, Ca.	15 weeks	Trains and qualifies BCT graduates in advanced SWCC core tactical knowledge and skills required for maritime operations	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction

After completion of Basic SWCC training, graduates are assigned to Special Boat Teams at: Little Creek, VA; Stennis, MS; or Coronado, CA. SWCCs spend 75% of their time assigned to operational Special Boat Teams capable to deploy worldwide and 30% assigned to training/staff commands. Advanced training opportunities include advanced weapons, instructor training, foreign language, engine and boat repair, and parachuting.

- Operate and maintain weapon systems, communications, electronics, small boats, and other equipment associated with SWCC missions.
- Conduct direct action raids against enemy shipping and waterborne traffic.

Qualifications and Interests

SWCC candidates should be motivated, self-assured and self-confident, willing to follow orders and able to work under stressful and hazardous conditions. They should be in excellent physical conditions and motivated to withstand the rigorous physiological demands imposed by the maritime environment. The ability to swim and withstand fatigue is a major factor in successful completion of the Basic SWCC training.

Other necessary characteristics needed are good aptitude for mechanical skills, study habits, knowledge of arithmetic and basic algebra, and manual dexterity. SWCC candidates must be U.S. citizens eligible for security clearance.

Working Environment

SWCCs perform Special Operations missions from high speed small boats, fixed wing aircraft, helicopters, and Navy ships. They may be exposed to arctic, desert or jungle environments, including survival in enemy controlled areas. They may also perform administrative and foreign training missions in a wide variety of climates throughout the world.

Civilian, Federal, and Military Sealift Command Related Occupations

To see Related Civilian, Federal, and Military Sealift Command Occupations for this rating:

SO

<https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/enlisted/so.htm>

Navy LaDR (Learning and Development Roadmap)



To see the Navy LaDR (Learning and Development Roadmap) for this rating:

SO

https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/so_e1_e9.pdf

College Credits for this Rating

To see the college credits available via a
Joint Service Transcript for this rating

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https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/so_jst.pdf

Additional Information

For more information on opportunities
available for this rating, please visit Navy
Credentialing Opportunities On-Line
(COOL)

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revised at times, the information contained
on this rating card is subject to change.

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